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ALUMNI BULLETIN

MAKING YOUR PRESENCE FELT . . .

Several alumni have recently expressed interest in making gifts to one or other of the several departments of the College. In discussing their plans for these generous contributions it was learned that knowing how the money was used was an uppermost factor in the potential contributors minds.

The Mechanical Optics, Contact Lens, Physiological Optics, and Geometric Optics departments, the Clinic, the Library, and the Administrative offices have each therefore compiled lists of needed equipment ranging in cost from $25.00 to $400.00. The donor can use the contribution of one of the pieces of equipment as a tax deduction. The donor may designate the department to which his gift is to be given or leave his choice to the discretion of the Alumni Association. Equipment purchased through these contributions will be specially marked with appropriate plaques bearing the donor's name. We have contacted manufacturers and distributors of optical and ophthalmic equipment and they have offered to provide this equipment at courtesy rates which are considerably below ordinary cost.

Undesignated sums of money sent to the Association will be spent only by vote of Officers and Directors. For instance undesignated amounts totaling four or five hundred dollars will allow us to complete the refurbishing of a student lounge. To illustrate this plan in action Dr. G. Burtt Holmes, a 1952 alumnus, recently presented the Contact Lens department with a new lensometer.

Dr. G. Burtt Holmes, recent contributor to Contact Lens Department.

Dr. Holmes whose practice is located in Worcester, has specialized in contact lenses while continuing in the other areas of optometric practice. He succeeded Dr. Arthur Tieri, a pioneer in the contact lens field.

As though an active practice where not enough, Burtt has found time to also be:

- President of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists
- Vice-President of the New England Council of Optometrists
- Chairman of the Massachusetts Contact Lens Committee
- Director of the department of Education of the American Optometric Association

Dr. Holmes with his wife Ruth and their two children live in Shrewsbury where Burtt finds time to participate in community affairs.

THE COLLEGE CURRENT

The days, weeks, and months do fly and before you know it there's the end of another semester and its time again for that "trial by fire", final exams.

To the 125 undergraduates at the College the next few weeks are among the most crucial of the whole academic year. To the Fourth Year students in particular it is only the beginning of a battery of hurdles that must be met before taking their place in the professional surroundings for which they have been preparing themselves these past three or four years.

After finals at mid-term, then its National Boards in the Spring, then year-end finals, completing externships, examining at least sixty patients, and finally clutching that meaningful roll of parchment on Commencement Day.

But wait, its not over yet! For 99% of the graduating class, getting the B.S. degree means enrolling in the Program of Advanced Optometry leading to the O.D. degree. They can then look forward to another four months of accelerated lectures during the hot summer months plus 125 hours of clinic duty before they are free of classrooms, textbooks, and scholastic pressures.

For most this is jumping from the frying-pan into the fire. State Boards suddenly loom up or the problem of what to do for a doctoral dissertation comes along just to keep life interesting. And just when it looks as though things are at last going smoothly comes the "kicker"! How, when, and where will I practice?

This above all seems to be the roughest hurdle of them all. For some fortunate very few its just a matter of joining forces with "good ol' Dad". But for many more it can be the most discouraging time in their optometric careers.

Here is a time where our experienced alumni can be of great help to these fledglings either through encouraging words, by passing along to the College information concerning opportunities for these recent graduates or what would be the most help of all, the establishment of some sort of placement service that would provide this most needed assistance in getting over that final crucial hump.

The effect upon student morale and the increase of active alumni could be tremendous!

STUDENT PROFESSIONAL GROUP ACTIVE

The Optometric Forum, the student professional society at the College, launched its program for the academic year with a presentation by Mr. Charles Daum, Vice President of Art-Craft Optical Company speaking on "Practical Practice Development".

Dr. Arthur March, who appeared in December, was the second scheduled speaker for the Forum Program.

Dr. March presented a graphic lecture on ophthalmic surgery and treatment using films and slides prepared by himself. A lively discussion period followed the presentation.

The succeeding speakers for the Forum Program have not yet been announced but anyone interested in attending future meetings is cordially invited.

PROFILE . . . . Dr. Arthur Bruce

If Charles Dickens had bestowed the title of Doctor upon one of his most famous of all characters, the congenial, the well liked, the much admired and respected, Mr. Pickwick one could see him incarnated today in the person of the equally congenial. well liked, and much admired and respected Dr. Arthur Bruce.

He was the recipient a few years ago of the Alumni Association Award presented at the Annual Luncheon and not so long ago the year book of a graduating class was dedicated to him. Too, he is an honorary member of both MCO fraternities.

Dr. Bruce is perhaps the senior associate at the College having been active there since 1923.

Dr. Bruce went first to Tufts University and then to Middlesex (now Brandeis) University where he received his degree in medicine.

America's entry into World War I came closely upon his graduation and Dr. Bruce entered the Army Medical Service as an enlisted man since he had not yet completed his licensing examination.

It was in the Army that he became interested in ophthalmology and with the end of his military service he entered Harvard Medical School to continue his studies in this field.

Boston City Hospital, Revere Hospital, Boston Homeopathic and Boston Osteopathic Hospitals are some of the medical institutions in which he put to practice his knowledge of ophthalmic medicine and surgery. For fifteen years an eye clinic in the Brookline school system was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Bruce.

During the Second World War he served as ophthalmic examiner for the Armed Forces and to add to his many activities he occupied the lecture platform before innumerable medical and optometric societies.

Dr. Bruce continues today without the slightest hesitation his customary busy schedule. Consider this for a man who completed his education and professional training long before the term GI Bill was ever thought of; full time member of the faculties of MCO and Emerson College, consulting ophthalmologist to Mass. Optometric Clinic, practicing Ophthalmologist, lecturer, and constant friend, teacher, and advisor to all who ask his help.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS

A Report by Harold Cline, O.D., D.O.S.
Associate Professor, Physiological Optics

It may be of particular interest to the earlier alumni of the College, if I briefly describe the course in Physiological Optics as it is being taught today. Many changes in subject matter and demonstrative apparatus have occurred in the past 15 years.

Every student in order to obtain credit for the course prior to graduation, must complete approximately 220 hours of lecture material as well as 125 hours of laboratory work. In addition a thesis on some phase of Physiological Optics must be submitted before completing the Junior year.

Some of the subject matter currently being touched upon includes studies in the theories of accommodation, cardinal points, aberrations, photoptic, and scotopic vision, extra-ocular muscle function, visual function, visual efficiency, steropsis, the horopter, and aniseikonia. All the lecture work, wherever possible, is supplemented by laboratory experiments and demonstrations.

The Physiological Optics laboratory has recently obtained some unique instruments to demonstrate primary colors and additive color mixing as well as the reflectance curve of colored objects and the transmission curve of absorptive lenses. We have demonstration techniques in experimenting in anisekonia. Too, we have a compact office eikonometer, and a huge room size space eikonometer and leaf room to enhance these experiments. Some of the current equipment has been made available through the generosity of alumni and other non-college operating funds.

With today's booming interest in contact lens fitting we are equipped to meet the challenge in being able to provide an ophthalmeter for the use by all students on a share basis; two students per instrument. Students are then able to study the fundamentals of ophthalmetry and conduct experiments in the study of corneal control.

Harold Cline, O.D., D.O.S. Associate Professor Physiological Optics, Mass. College of Optometry.

We have also several adaptometers which are put to good use in studying the quality of scoptic vision. Visual aids are employed wherever possible to clarify lecture and laboratory work.

The Physiological Optics department is not satisfield with a status quo position but attempts through research and laboratory studies to clarify and sometimes modify existing theories and ideas in visual science.

ANNUAL ALUMNI LUNCHEON — A MUST EVENT

Your Annual Alumni Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 14th, 1965 in the Bay State Room of the Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts commencing at 12:00 noon.

The Alumni Association has planned a very interesting get-together and it is hoped all who attend will find it so.

During the past several years more and more Alumni have been bringing their wives and families to this affair and your association has gone on record as being highly in favor. Please feel free to bring any guest you desire but be sure to make an appropriate notice on your reservation form.

Association president Donald Horley will bring the membership up-to-date on the Association's activities. Dr. Ralph H. Green, Dean of the College will make a current report on the College and Dr. Otto Hochstadt, Secretary-Treasurer of the College will present a financial statement. Members of the Board of Trustees of the College have been invited to this outstanding event.

In order to make the Luncheon a complete success we need the help and cooperation of all who plan to attend. You can help in two ways: First by filling out and returning the enclosed reservation card. You can avoid an annoying wait by making payment for the luncheon in advance. The reservation card will indicate the amount checks should cover.

Secondly, please be prompt in your arrival. Twelve noon is the time we are scheduled to begin the luncheon and in order to be on time for the opening ceremonies of the Congress we must keep to this schedule.

This year's luncheon will honor the alumni of the classes of '20, '25, '30, '45, '50, '55, and '60.

Chairmen for the reunions of these classes are:

Dr. Frederick Farnum	'20
Dr. Gleason Rand	'25
Dr. Morris Berman	'30
Dr. Elanor Fuschetti	'45
Dr. Jack Baboian	'50
Dr. Joseph Svagdys	'55
Dr. Joseph Comalli	'60

A separate reservation card for the luncheon is enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin. Please look for it and may we urge its prompt and early return.

And we want to see all you loyal alumni.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14th, 1965, 12:00 NOON
THE BAY STATE ROOM OF THE
STATLER-HILTON HOTEL
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

The mechanics of nominating and electing officers are as follows: during the summer months the President must appoint a Nominating Committee whose duty it is to make their Nominating Report at the Fall meeting of the Alumni Association. This proposed slate will be published in the Winter issue of the Alumni Bulletin and sent to the general membership. Nominations from the floor may be made at the Winter meeting after which the election of officers by secret ballot, under the watchful eye of the Election Committee shall take place.

The installation of officers then takes place at the annual luncheon held in March.

So you see the interval between appointing the Nominating Committee and installing your officers take about seven months.

The Winter Meeting of the MCO Alumni Ass'n. will be held:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1965
7:30 P.M.
AT
THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN BLINDNESS
AND REHABILITATION
770 CENTER STREET, NEWTON, MASS.

Note: We are indeed fortunate to have the co-operation of Father Carroll in providing a rare guided tour of the Center and a speaker for our program. It therefore behooves all of us to make a special effort to attend this informative meeting.

At this meeting will take place the election of officers of the Alumni Ass'n. for the coming year. The slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee and the names of that committee are hereby announced.

President -- Donald Horley
1st Vice President -- Alfred Hanson
2nd Vice President -- Alton LaMont
Treasurer -- Frank Kozol
Recording Secretary -- Caroll Martus
Corresponding Secretary -- Morris Berman

Directors:

John McCauley	Ben Bregman
Arnold Richmond	Gene Amaral
Arnelda Levine	Robert Shulman

Nominating Committee

Leo DeNatale
Manuel Goldberg
Robert Krause
E. Albert Glickman

A FRAMEWORK OF THE VISUAL TRAINING AND ORTHOPTICS CURRICULA

PHILIP E. FRIEDMAN, O.D.

Visual training has undergone a dynamic change over the past decade and these changes are present in the current college curricula. The field of pleoptics which is an old idea but is new in instrumentation is presented and the divergent views of Bangerter and Cuppers are discussed and contrasted. Specific pleoptic instruments such as the visuscope, eithyscope, coordinator, localizer, separator, and pleophor are discussed and wherever possible demonstrated. In the latter portion of the academic year and continuing through the O.D. course a pleoptic clinic is held.

In the past several years much of the optometric literature has been concerned with the developmental concept of visual care. With this in mind much has been incorporated to keep abreast of the latest diagnostic and training procedures of the developmental approach. Basic concepts of child psychology has been incorporated in the curriculum as well as an understanding of the child's ability and maturation at various levels of development. A full developmental history and examination sequence is presented together with visual skills analysis altered for pre-school testing. Also included in the diagnostic battery are spontaneous drawing, incomplete man, copy forms, tactual forms, block testing form board, etc., etc. Besides non-achievers the handling of the mentally retarded child will be incorporated in the current curricula.

Class lectures are augmented with a program of guest lecturers who present special insights on various subjects. In the past year for instance a graduate of the Gesell Institute course on developmental vision had addressed the class during a four hour lecture. Another lecturer discussed the problem of reading as related to optometry and pleoptics. This year a representative of the Keystone Instrument Company will present an exhibit of training devices to acquaint the graduate with instruments for both home and office training. Along this same line a catalogue of office and home training equipment of all major companies has been compiled to aid the graduate in setting up his office and visual training program.

A great deal of stress has been placed on home training procedures for use as a separate home training program or used in conjunction with office training. Wherever possible home training devices are demonstrated with an alternate home training which in most cases is non-instrument in nature such as Marsden ball Brock strings, and mirror training procedures. Plans are underway to incorporate in the routine visual training work-up investigations into retinal rivalry rate, eikonometry, reading analysis including rate, comprehension and span, special amblyopia test procedures, body coordination tests, and developmental tests.

These are just a few of the many changes which have been made to better serve students, patient, and profession.

WHO AND WHAT IS A CLASS AGENT?

One of our most dependable workers and recent alumnus has undertaken the job of organizing and contacting the Class Agents. Drs. Alton LaMont and John Callinan are the Class Agent Committee and in this capacity are announcing the names of your class agents. The class agents will serve as the association's link with the general membership for the purpose of a more personal contact. It is hoped that alumni members who have news that would be of interest to the general membership and to their class mates will pass it along to the class agent who will in turn pass it along to the Alumni Bulletin Editor for publication. Also any photos that are of interest will be welcome.

Look for your class agent's name in the list that follows and introduce yourself to him at the Annual Luncheon in March.

Class of 1920

Dr. Frederick Farnum
80 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

1924

Dr. Lester Minihan
1454 Cambridge St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Charles Jagolinger
452 Main St.
Pawtucket, R. I.

1925

Dr. Gleason Rand
31 Central St.
Bangor, Maine

Dr. Edwin Leonard
Washington St.
Duxbury, Mass.

1927

Dr. Harold Bradley
46 Union Square
Somervilie, Mass.

1928

Dr. T. Blake Smith
1955 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, Mass.

1929

Dr. Ralph Green
Legion Ave.
Medway, Mass.

1930

Dr. Morris Berman
636 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

Dr. Jacob Dybbs
333 Washington St.
Boston, Mass.

1931

Dr. Melvin Dunbar
21 Bank St.
Lebanon, N. H.

Dr. Deane Hilliard
Odd Fellows Bldg.
Claremont, N. H.

1932

Dr. Richard Baker
318 College St.
Springfield, Mo.

1933

Dr. Maxwell Kaye
889 Broad St.
Newark, N. J.

Dr. Morton Schoenbaum
421 Highland Ave.
Somerville, Mass.

1934

Dr. Manual Goldberg
5 Bromfield St.
Boston, Mass.

Dr. Aram Gulezian
158 Merrimack St.
Haverhill, Mass.

1936

Dr. Donald Exford
74 North St.
Pittsfield, Mass.

1937

Dr. Louis Plekavich
805 Cambridge St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. John DiNapoli
10 High St.
Medford, Mass.

1938

Dr. Donald Horley
476 Mass. Ave.
Arlington, Mass.

Dr. Malcom Harris
521 Main St.
Presque Isle, Maine

Dr. Edward Cerruti
77 Maine St.
Lee, Mass.

1939

Dr. Rodd Amelia
477 Broadway
South Boston, Mass.

Dr. Melvin Fine
70 Exchange St.
Malden, Mass.

Dr. Arthur March
Zero Thoreau St.
Concord, Mass.

1940

Dr. Arnold Sloane
8 Grow St.
Wellesley, Mass.

Dr. Hayvis Woolf
575 Pontiac Ave.
Cranston, R. I.

1941

Dr. Leo DeNatale
230 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass.

1942

Dr. Janet Mechanic
1146 Beacon St.
Brookline, Mass.

Dr. E. Albert Glickman
346 Washington St.
Brighton, Mass.

1943

Dr. Arnelda Levine
1146 Beacon St.
Brookline, Mass.

Dr. Robert Kraus
947 Morton St.
Mattapan, Mass.

1944

Dr. Roland DeCessare
354 Broadway
Providence, R. I.

1945

Dr. Eleanor Fuschetti
12 Windmill Lane
Arlington, Mass.

1946

Dr. Mitchell Kuhn
19 Crane Ave.
Peabody, Mass.

1947

Dr. Hymen Kamens
135 Washington Ave.
Chelsea, Mass.

Dr. Morton Shaw
52 Province St.
Boston, Mass.

1948

Dr. Robert Bianchi
141 Highland Ave.
Somerville, Mass.

Dr. David MacFarlane
412 County St.
New Bedford, Mass.

1949

Dr. Norman Ruby
50-1/2 W. Warren St.
Roxbury, Mass.

Dr. Haskall Rapport
531 Washington St.
Canton, Mass.

1950

Dr. Jacob Baboian
422 Mt. Auburn St.
Watertown, Mass.

Dr. Abe Gottesman
138 Main St.
Windsor Locks, Conn.

Dr. Henry Lustig, Jr.
58 Winter St.
Boston, Mass.

1952

Dr. Walter Taranton
355 Mass. Ave.
Arlington, Mass.

Dr. Eugene Bogage, Jr.
Schuylkill Trust Bldg.
Pottsville, Penn.

Dr. Richard Emery
4 Park Ave.
Derry, N. H.

1953

Dr. Ira Schwartz
Professional Center
402 Long Hill Rd.
Groton, Conn.

Dr. Si Bagdigian
1-c Andover Rd.
Billerica, Mass.

1954

Dr. Abe Shapiro
530 Silas Deane Hgwy.
Wethersfield, Conn.

Dr. Harvey Tuckman
49 East Ave.
Norwalk, Conn.

1955

Dr. Joseph Svagdys
472 Commonwealth Ave.
Boston, Mass.

Dr. William Tolford
107 Congress St.
Portland, Maine

1956

Dr. Albert Roy
Box 476
Taft, Penn.

Dr. Arthur Isenberg
8 Winter St.
Boston, Mass.

1957

Dr. Howard Coleman
340 W. Broadway
East Providence, R. I.

Dr. Martin Baer
65 Pleasant St.
Woburn, Mass.

1958

Dr. N. Ames
100 Congress St.
Rumford, Maine

Dr. Angelos Afentakis
82 Trapelo Rd.
Belmont, Mass.

1959

Dr. Dewey Clason
311 Main Street
Worcester, Mass.

1960

Dr. Joseph Comalli
75 N. Main St.
Middleboro, Mass.

Dr. Robert McNulty
2236 Dorchester Ave.
Dorchester, Mass.

1961

Dr. Ronald Tyroler
150-63 87th Ave.
Jamaica, N. Y.

Dr. Victor Wolmer
20 Windham St.
Willimantic, Conn.

1962

Dr. Francis G. Prevost
638 Capital Ave.
Battle Creek, Mich.

1963

Dr. Paul Pelton
6 Water St.
Clinton, Mass.

Dr. Victor Gallo
Zero Thoreau St.
Concord, Mass.

1964

Dr. Ann P. Kazmierski
United States Navy

PRESIDENT'S POTPOURRI . . . by DON HORLEY

At the last meeting of the Officers, Directors and Advisors of the Alumni Association one of the many subjects discussed and voted upon was the consideration of legally incorporating the Association. A committee has been formed to consider the advantages, disadvantages, implications, and expenses of such a move.

In its all out efforts to become something more than a name to our future alumni members the Association among other things has launched a project of bringing tangible evidence of its presence to our current students. The Association is hoping to produce and furnish a student lounge on the College premises. A clean, bright, well furnished place where students can gather or sit with outside friends is badly needed and we are doing everything in our power to make it a reality.

An error was made in the last issue of the Bulletin. Listed as a contributor to the optometry publication fund was the Massachusetts College of Optometry Alumni Association. This should have read the Massachusetts College of Optometry.

We are fortunate in having Al Hanson serving as First Vice President and Tom Baker as Second Vice President of the Alumni Association. Al is doing a "bang-up" job of organizing fund raising activities for the Association which in turn will be better able to help the College.

I would like to announce to the general membership the names of those who are serving as Advisors. Under the Constitution and By-laws of the Association the President may appoint as many advisors as he feels necessary. This is not an elective office. Currently serving as Advisors are:

Foster Namias	Alton LaMont
Manuel Goldberg	Paul Pelton
Leo DiNatale	Albert Glickman
Robert Krause	Joseph Craven
Raymond Ross	Burtt Holmes

Melvin Fine

The Constitution and By-laws of the Alumni Association have been completely revised, updated, and printed. The two committee members responsible for the vast number of hours consumed in this effort are Drs. Manuel Goldberg and Arnelda Levine. An Executive Committee meeting held to discuss the Revision Committee's report found it most satisfactory and the altered Constitution and By-laws were adopted and put into document form.

The Alumni Association Scholarships this year were awarded to two fourth year students, Roger Grant and Arthur Tieri. These scholarships of $150.00 each are made available through the generosity of the alumni members.

In recent months we have received about $220.00 in contributions with one of the largest contributions coming from Dr. Joseph Montminy, Jr. This brings our Scholarship Fund to a total of $1600.00 which is a moderately adequate sum but is far from our ideal goal of being able to provide two full scholarships per year.

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